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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, September 27, 1899.

The Calhoun Baptist Association met this day in its 24th annual session with the brethren at Pittsboro, Calhoun county, Miss. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. McKibben. After an intermission of one hour for refreshments the delegates re-assembled. The association was called to order the moderator, and after song and prayer the annual letters from the churches were presented and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch, Calhoun, H S McComic. Antioch, Lafayette, not represented. Air Mount, Andrew Jones and W R Howell. Banner, R P Howell and J P Baker. Concord, J F McKibben, Lee Linder and Ed Willians. Dividing Ridge, J O Hill and M L Hill. Driver's Flat, not represented. Elam, W Gum and B A Chandler. Friendship. F Y Martin and A W Ramsey, Gaston Springs, W A Pilgreen, J J Ford and S E Wallace. Hopewell, Pontotoc, not represented. Hopewell, Yalobusha, Thomas Waters. Hebron, F D Tutor and J D Lindsey. London Hill, I D Sarter. Macedodia, C K [illegible] Gaston Byars and J S Kea. Mt. Comfort, Jas. Rich a[illegible]one. Mt. Moriah, not represented. Mt. Tabor, W W [illegible] Cruthirds and B D Bryant. Meridian, G B Kitto [illegible]phree. New Liberty, W P Vanborn, J R Lucas and T L [illegible]. New Prospect, G H Hannaford and B Brown. Poplar Springs, W J Vance, J S Morgan and J A Eflard. Pittsboro, M C Hardin, J I Ballenger and J R Bryant. Pine Grove, A C Denly, J H Simpson and J W Trusty. Pilgrim's Rest, Yalobusha, Robt. Vickery. Pilgrim's Rest, Calhoun, J D Collums. Pleasant Grove, R M Chennault. Providence, G W Wright. Pleasant Ridge not represented. Rocky Mt., S C Patterson, I M Collins and J O Brown. Sarepta, G W Riley. Spring Creek, A J Gaines, J A Bell and L Smith. Turkey Creek, A A Bruner, and Irwin Cobb.

The election for the ensuing year being in order J J Gibson and Jno. W. Powell were appointed tellers, who after taking the vote announced the election of G. W. Riley, moderator; J. A. Killingsworth, clerk; A. A. Bruner, treasurer.

On motion, former order of business adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to order.
2. Call for and reading of letters from the churches.

3. The election of officers.
4. Call for corresponding delegates.
5. Return correspondence.
6. Call for petitionary letters.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Report of committees.
9. Motions and resolutions.

The moderator then called for corresponding delegates when the following brethren presented themselves:

J. J. Gibson and Jno. W. Powell, Chickasaw Association.

T J Dolahite and J N Murphree, Yalobusha Association.

R P Bailey and S P Bell, Calhoun colored Baptist Associ'n,

Petitionary letters called for. None presented.

On motion a devotional committed; to-wit, A. A. Bruner, Jas. Rich with deacons of Pittsboro church.

Report on State missions called for and read by J. F. McKibben, discussed by J. O. Hill, A. J Gaines, L. Linder, J. J. Gibson, J. F. McKibben, G. W. Riley and S. E. Wallace. Adopted as read.

It is difficult to conceive of a more important work before Mississippi Baptists than that of State missions. [illegible] gelization of our people, the organization of our [illegible] training them into sympathy with all the interests [illegible] deemer's kingdom; the strengthening of weak churches and encouraging them to go forward;—All this seems to be the foundation work for the prosperity of every enterprise fostered by us. It is therefore of sufficient importance to arouse our hearey sympathy, enlist our earnest prayers and secure our liberal gifts. There is much for us to do. We must hold the points already occupied by the missionaries, and also be ready to take and hold other important ones. There are fields to be occupied in every section of the state; but we would call special attention to the two great mission sections—the Delta and the coast country. We recommend our secretary, Bro. A. V. Rowe, to the earnest support of the brethren throughout our association. Let our motto be more contributions, larger contributions and concentrated efforts all along the line until our beloved Mississippi has been won for Christ.

Devotional committee reported as follows: J. J. Gibson to

preach tonight.

On motion adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Thursday. Prayer by Rev. J. Willis.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. O Hill.

The association was called to order by the moderator.

The report on Miss. College and Education was read by J. A. J. Ellard, discussed by J. O. Hill, J. J. Gibson, A. J. Gaines, L. Linder, Jno. W. Powell Report adopted as read.

This is an age of advancement. Education has been and will ever be one of the greatest lights to all truth and principle. "The beginning of wisdom is to fear God, but the end of it is to love Him." Education cannot be acquired without pains and application. The improvement of every moment increases knowledge. Brethren we should all look well to the education of our boys and girls. To do this we should first begin at our own homes. With proper parental instruction they are better prepared to enter school with joyful hearts. We should not patronize teachers that will lead our children into sin. Our teachers should be God-loving and God fearing men and women. Miss. College is owned and controlled by the Baptists of Mississippi. So every Baptist of the Calhoun association has an interest in it. We should keep posted as to its welfare and contribute some of our means for its support, because it is an institution founded for the higher education of the boys and young men of our country. It is in a very prosperous condition now, and the faculty is composed of the very best men. Because the morals are the very best we should send our boys there.

Devotional committee reported Rev. L. Linder to preach this day at 11 a. m. at the Methodist church.

On motion the business of association continue.

Report on Foreign missions read by W. R. Howell, discussed by J. J. Gibson, I. Collins, A. J. Gaines, W. T. Ward, S. E. Wallace, J. F. McLibben, G. W. Riley.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee on Foreign missions beg leave to report the following: John the Baptist was one sent from God to prepare a people for Christ and His kingdom. Every one

called of God to preach is a missionary. Strictly speaking, every preacher and every christian is a foreign missionary; for the evangelization of the world was the purpose of the gospel. Preaching in foreign fields is as binding upon the church as upon the preacher. It is a divine command to send the heathen the gospel. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost." Now the "going" is as much command as it is to baptize; for with the same command to go is the wise injunction to baptize—the two are parallel to each other. Now does common sense or reason teach us to obey one and not the other? If the Bible teaches baptism it teaches missions. Is the heathens lost without the gospel? To say they are not is a betrayal of ignorance of God's word and the plan of redemption. The Word plainly says, "neither is there salvation in any other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Never before has the Baptist denomination had such an opportunity to send the gospel to the heathen. Cuba, for example, who has been struggling under the yoke has broken the fetters and declared herself free and act for herself. Now our cause meets a response in their hearts and if our work is enlarged there we will take the stand for Christ. Now while we can not send a missionary (ourselves) to every foreign field we may help in the glorious work and may the spirit of truth open our hearts and means to this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Howell,
J. O. Hill,
F. Y. Martin,
} Committee.

Report adopted as read.

On motion association adjourn one hour for refreshments.

EVENING SESSION.

The association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by J. S. Powell At the suggestion of Jas. Bell the association had short talks on neighborhood prayer meetings—the benefits of them. These discussions were pointed and full of practical suggestions.

The report on Orphans' Home was read by S. E. Wallace, discussed by G. W. Riley, J. J. Gibson, J. L. Roane, Jno. W.

Powell and W. T. Ward, and adopted as read.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We your committee on the Orphanage beg leave to report that we have investigated the matter. It has been about five years since the work began to be seriously thought of. There has boen a steady growth of interest in the work among our people, as is indicated by a gratifying increase in contributions from churches. On May 12, 1897, the Orphanage was opened with Mrs. Mollie D. Hunter matron with her two fatherless boys in the home. In a few days application was made for the admission of three children who had lost both parents within five days. The increase has grown to fifty-two received up to June, '99. Our Orphanage is located in W. Jackson. We have 112 acres of land and two nice cottages. The property is under the direct supervision of the Baptists of Miss. Bro. L. S. Foster a Godly and consecrated man is the superintendent. We your committee would recommend that we give the orphanage our hearty sympathy and support.

Report on publications read by J. S. Powell, discussed by [illegible]der, Hill, Riley, Gibson, Gaines, and adopted as read

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

[illegible]ommittee on publication would recommend: first [illegible] of God's word—"Tne book of books." We also recommend "The Baptist," "The Foreign Mission Journal," and the S. S. literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention. We feel that the time has come when we should place in our homes—for ourselves and our children—only the best of literature. The youths of our country will read and as early impressions are the most lasting we recommend that the above mentioned periodicals take the place of the literature which is flooding our country, and which is calculated to lead the minds of the young astray.

Submitted,

I. J. Rhodes, } Committee for
J. H. Powell, } Macedonia ch.

The motion passed for each district to hold district meeting on 5th Sabbath nearest usual time. Said time and program for the same to be arranged by an appointed committee.

Association adjourned till 8 p. m. this day. Prayer by J. L. Roane.

NIGHT SESSION.

Sermon by J. O. Hill.

Report on Womans' work presented, discussed by Bros. Hill, Riley, Gibson, Linder, McKibben and Gaines. Amended and adopted.

We your committee on womans' work beg leave to report that since her creation she has been filling not only her sphere as helpmeet to man but we find her in the days of our Savior's stay on earth closely interested in His divine mission. She not only ministered to His temporal wants but manifested an abiding interest in His work of redeeming the lost. In the temple she contributed of her meager means for her Lord's cause and was commended by her Savior; as much as to say to those who follow her "Go thou, do likewise." We find her anointing the head of her Savior preparatory to His death. Last at the Cross, first at the sepulcher, and first to proclaim His resurrection to the disciples. After His ascension she was closely connected with the business in the churches, in many instances giving private instruction and confirming the deciples in the faith. And as christian civilization [illegible] conquest over the face of this sin-cursed earth, [illegible] and influence becomes more manifest in its upli[illegible] ing influence over fallen men and women and s[illegible] fluence in the church to-day be paralyzed, christi[illegible] receive a stroke that centuries could not obliterate.

Respectfully submitted, Pine Grove Church.

Amendment.—Resolved, That the association recommend the churches organize Woman's Missionary Societies in each church as an auxiliary to the mission work of this association.

The Association adjourned till 9 a. m. Friday.

THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. L. Roane. Association called to order by the moderater. Prayer by G. W. Wright.

Petitionary letters called for. Thos. Waters presented himself as representative from Hopewell church, Yalobusha county, and association asking membership in this body. Motion carried for reception of church.

On motion the moderator appointed Bros. Bruner, Linde[illegible]

and McKibben as committee to meet in a reunion with Chickasaw Association.

Report on Sabbath Schools presented by A. A. Bruner, discussed by Bros. McKibben, Waters, Ward, Gibson, Howell, Ramsey, Wright, Trusty, Roane and Linder.

On motion speeches be limited to five minutes. Report adopted as read.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The great work of teaching the Bible to the young and rising generation depends very greatly on the efforts made by our churches in organizing and maintaining good and live Sunday Schools. We see from the reports from the churches that there are but very few Sunday schools in our association. The usefulness of any church of Jesus Christ depends on the efforts set forth by the pastor, deacon and lay members in all the different departments of work. We know from observation that a live Sunday school maintained by any church will make the members more spiritual minded, more liberal in [illegible]tions for the spread of the gospel. We would [illegible]t where churches are situated so that they can[illegible]larly during the winter months that the thickly [illegible]ements arrange to meet at their homes and study and teach God's word. We would further recommend that where it is not practicable to do this that each family procure Sunday school periodicals [which is only helps for Bible study] and teach them to each other and to their children in their homes. Paul says that he is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth so we should be very bold to teach the Bible to our children.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. Bruner.

No report being on hand, last year's report on prohibition was read from minutes and discussed by Bros. Hill, Collins, Gibson, Gaines, Ward, Ramsey and Riley. Report adopted. Association adjourned for preaching by J. L. Roane.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer by W. T. Ward.

J S Morgan, W T Ward and J A Killingsworth appointed as committee to arrange time and program for dist. meetings.

Treasurer's report read by A A Bruner, treasurer of Association, and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand, last report, $56.20. Paid R J Willingham, Foreign missions, $54 45. Paid L S Foster for Orphanage $1 55, Paid postage 20 cents, Total $56 20

STATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Following is the amounts received from the various churches for State and Foreign missions: Turkey Creek $28. Concord $15. Elam $10 50. Elam for 1898 $10. Friendship $2.35. Gaston Springs $4.35. Hebron $3. New Prospect $4 New Liberty $2 65. Poplar Springs $11. Pittsboro $11 50. Pine Grove $13 Providence $3 50. Sarepta $11 65. Banner $7 Dividing Ridge $2 50. London Hill $2 26. Spring Creek $11.25. Mt. Comfort $3.25 Macedonia $9. Mt Tabor $4. Rocky Mt. $5.50 J B Martin 50 cts. Prayer meeting at W J Cobb's $4 35 G D Collums $1. R P Bailey 10c. S P Bell 10c. Antioh (Calhoun) $1 50. J O Hill $1. Total since last report $181 96. Paid A V Rowe state missions $33 01. Paid R J Willingham Foreign missions $147.95. Total paid out $180.96.

ORPHANS' HOME

Following is amounts received from the various sources for the Orphans' Home: J B Martin 50cts. Sister Hannaford 50 [illegible] Whitten $1. Macedonia church $3 50. Mt. Comfort $[illegible] Creek $2. Sarepta $7 Pittsboro $4.65 Public co[illegible] Total received since last report $36.10. Paid Rev L S [illegible] Collected for minutes $23 85. Respectfully [illegible] Pi[illegible]

A A BRUNER, [illegible]

Report on nominations read by R H Cruthirds, and adopted as read.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We your committee on nominations would recommend that Rev S E Wallace preach the Introductory sermon at our next meeting Rev J O Hill, alternate, and further recommend J F McKibben, J R Coker and Lee Linder, Executive Board.

R H CRUTHIRDS, Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

On Foreign missions, Poplar Springs. State and Home missions, Mt. Tabor. Publications, Sarepta Miss. College and Education, Pittsboro. Prohibition, Elam. Sabbath Schools, Hebron. Orphans Home, Dividing Ridge. Woman's work, Meridian.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered Pittsboro church and community for the hospitality extended the delegates during the meeting.

Resolved, That the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and forward them as soon as possible, retaining five dollars for his services.

A A Bruner gave notice that at our next meeting he would move for a change of constitution that the association set time of its meeting

The following brethren were appointed by the moderator to meet with the Calhoun Colored Association: A J Gaines, A A Bruner, J F McKibben and G W Wright.

After singing a hymn and taking the parting hand, the association adjourned to meet with Mt Comfort church, Calhoun county, Miss., on Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1900, at 10 a. m.

G. W. RILEY, Moderator.

J. A. KILLINGSWORTH, Clerk.

The Executive Board met and asked the different churches of the Association for the amounts apportioned for missions the churches to contribute to either cause—Home, State or Foreign, as they see proper and instruct the treasurer, and it shall be so used: Antioch (Calhoun) $5; Antioch (Lafayette) $5; Air Mount $12 50; Banner $10; Concord $15; Driver's Flat $5; Dividing Ridge $5; Elam $10; Friendship $7 50; Gaston Springs $10; Hebron $7.50; Hopewell (Pontotoc) $2 50; Hopewell (Yalobusha) $5; London Hill $5; Macedonia $[illegible]; Meridian $5; Mt Comfort $5; Mt Moriah $5; Mt Tabor [illegible] Prospect $5; New Liberty $10. Poplar Springs $15. [illegible] Pleasant Grove $5. Pine Grove $8. Pilgrim's Rest [illegible] Pilgrim's Rest (Calhoun) $7.50. Providence $10. [illegible] $2.50. Rocky Mt. $8. Sarepta $10. Spring Creek [illegible] reek $20.

[illegible] 5th Sunday District meeting to be held with the church at Rocky Mt on Friday before the 5th Sunday in May, 1900, at 11 a m. Introductory sermon by L Linder, G W Riley alternate

ESSAYS

1st The necessity for co-operation of the churches in missions.—A J Gaines. 2nd Woman's position in christian work.—J F McKibben. 3rd The religious training of children.—S E Wallace.

QUERIES.—1 How often should church covenant be read in the church? 2 What are the Bible prerequsites for an elder? 3 What should a church do with a member who aids or abets in the liquor traffic? 4 Has a church any right to liberate one of its members to exercise in public outside of its own church? 5 Where does the responsibility to evangelize the world rest? 6 The necessity for colportage work in our churches?

J S Morgan
W T Ward } Committee.
J A Killingsworth

Program of 5th Sunday District meeting to be held with Sarepta church commencing Friday before the 5th Sunday in July 1900, 11 a m. Introductory sermon J O Hill. A J Gaines alternate.

ESSAYS

1 Bible sanctification---A J Gaines. 2 Christian giving as taught in the Bible---G W Riley. 3 Christian Education---its relation to Baptist progress --J L Johnson. 4 Since salvation is by grace through faith, why maintain good works?---A A Bruner

QUERIES

1 What have christian missions accomplished for the world?
2 Does the gospel make it as binding on a church to supply the temporal needs of her pastor as it does the pastor to supply the church's spiritual needs?

J S Morgan
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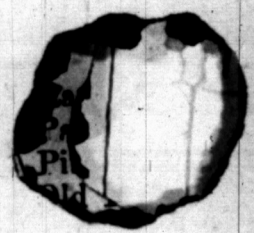
} Committee.



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Churches.	County	P. O.	Pastor	Church Clerk	Day of meeting	Baptized	Rec'ed by letter	Dism'd by letter	Restored	Excluded	Died	Total
Air Mount	Yalobusha	Air Mount	M V Noffsinger	P T Williams	1	15	10	5	1			59
Antioch	Calhoun	Banner	J L Roane	H S McCormic	1	1		1			2	60
Antioch	Lafayette	Sarepta										26
Banner	Calhoun	Banner	Lee Linder	P Q Edwards	1		3	5			1	59
Concord	"	Ellard	J F McKibben Lee Linder	S A Brown	3	19	6	1	1	6	1	151
Driver's Flat	"	Paris										60
Dividing Ridge	Grenada	Youngs	J O Hill	W L Hill		5	2	3	2	0	0	77
Elam	Yalobusha	Coffeeville	J F McKibben	H P Pate	4	8	5	3	2	0	2	88
Friendship	Calhoun	Ellzey	J R Sumner	F Y Martin	1	0			1	4		88
Gaston Springs	"	Pittsboro	S E Wallace	W A Pilgreen	3	4	2	7	1	2	2	117
Hopewell	Pontotoc	Buck[illegible]										
Hopewell	Yalobusha											
Hebron	Pontotoc	Ra[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]r	1							160
London Hill	Lafayette	P[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]e	4	4	3	6	1	3		50
Macedonia	Calhoun	P[illegible]	[illegible] Riley	[illegible]	3	5	5	10	1	0	2	107
Meridian	"	Old [illegible]	[illegible] Roane	[illegible]nglin	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	38
Mt. Comfort	"	Pittsboro	G W Riley	J O Rich	4	0	0	2	1	2	1	64
Mt. Moriah	"	Bishop										93
Mt. Tabor	"	Burke	S E Wallace	R H Cruthirds	2	11	8	1	2			67
New Prospect	Chickasaw	Bowles	S R Haughton	G H Hannaford	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	35
New Liberty	Colhoun	Hollis	J H Willis	A J Jackson	2	8	6	9	1			90
Poplar Springs	"	Reid	A J Gaines	W J Vance	2	2	3			1		98
Pittsboro	"	Pittsboro	G W Riley	J L Johnson	2							55
Pine Grove	Yalobusha	Schoona	G L Martin	S G Clark	2	5	1	6		2	0	74
Pilgrim's Rest	Calhoun	Pitts	J L Roane	J R Lantrip	3	0	0	9	0	1	0	61
Pilgrim's Rest	Yalobusha	Pine Valley	J O Hill	A W Langham	3			2			2	28
Pleasant Grove	Chickasaw	Thorn	C D Potis	S W D Lowrey	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	61
Pleasant Ridge	Calhoun	Sarepta										73
Providence	"	Banner	Lee Linder	W H Miles	2	10	2	2	0	0	1	65
Rocky Mt.	"	Reid	J F McKibben	R L Ruth	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	88
Sarepta	"	Sarepta	F M Ferrell	A B Henderson	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	49
Spring Creek	"	Banner	A J Gaines	J A Head	4	22	11	4			1	136
Turkey Creek	"	Pine Valley	J J Gibson	W S Newman	2	7	1	5	0	5	1	133
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